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St Patrick's Parish: Mass Times	Tues 09h30	Wed 06h30	Thurs 18h00	Fri 08h00	Sat 08h00 17h30	Sun 07h30 10h00 18h00	Confessions Thurs 17h30 Sat 08h30
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Carmel Monastery: 46 Dickinson Road, Benoni North: weekday Mass at 07h30 Sun at 08h00

Parish Banking details: St Patrick's Catholic Church – Standard Bank, Benoni. Account number 021 095 612. Phone the bookkeeper at 011 845 2118 if you need information about dedicated giving.	Catechism: Co-ordinator: Mike Ward 083 300 7473 St Patrick's Parish: Sun at 08h45 – grades 0 – 9 Wed at 15h00 – grades 0 – 7 Atlasville (Kia-Ora): Tues at 15h00 – grades 8 – 9 Wed at 15h00 – grades 0 – 7
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Felicity Bielovich, a UNISA trained counsellor, is available on Tuesday mornings as a counsellor at St Patrick's. Counselling is a means of helping us unravel the issues of life and, by God's grace, take responsibility for our actions in faith, hope and trust. Phone Judy the parish secretary for an appointment (011 845-2118). There is no charge but a donation is requested for parish funds. Cancellations must be made the day before at the latest.

We pray for **Mary Barrett, Theresa Prest** and **Oreratile Ntamane** who have died: may they rest in peace and rise in glory to live in joy in the kingdom forever.

St Vincent de Paul Society will be taking their monthly collection, after all masses this coming **Sunday 7 April**. It is also the Society's "**Pound Sunday**". You are asked to bring a pound weight – that is 2kg - in groceries and non-perishable for the poor. Give these to the men on duty at the back of the Church or leave it at the Parish Office.

Palm Branches are needed for **Palm Sunday 14 April** for the Church and for palm crosses. Would you bring these to the Parish Office. We need parishioners to make the Palm crosses. Let the parish secretary know if you can help.

Our annual **Festa** is on **Sunday 2 June**. Buy your raffle ticket for R100 and be in the draw for the prize of R20, 000. Tickets are available after Sunday mass and at the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul is raffling a chocolate Easter rabbit given by generous parishioners at R5.00 a draw. See the bunny at the main door after mass and support St Vincent de Paul in their care for the needy.

Tickets for the Passover Meal are sold out.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Tues 2 April	09h30	Mass followed by the Rosary and Prayer for Mothers
Thurs 4 April	10h00	Mass: Myra Clifton, 162A President Brand Street, Rynfield
	18h45	Bible Study
Fri 5 April First Friday	08h00	Mass
	17h30	Holy Hour and Benediction followed by Mass at 18h00
	18h30	Stations of the Cross – You may park in the School grounds
Sat 6 April	18h30	Passover Meal (for 18h45 to end about 20h30) sold out
Sun 7 April	11h00	BLESSING OF THE NEW COLUMBARIUM
Sun 14 April	10h00	Palm Sunday: Young Persons' mass with procession

Our new Columbarium for the interment of ashes will be blessed this coming Sunday at the end of the 10h00 Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this short blessing.

Catechism classes will resume as follows; St Patrick's & Alastville (Kia-Ora) on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 April. St Patrick's on Sunday 7 April.

A second collection for the **Bishops' Lenten Appeal** will be taken during Lent. This is for the needy so we ask you to give generously.

This coming **Friday, 5 April** is First Friday and mass will be at 08h00 and in the evening at 18h00 with Holy Hour and Benediction at 17h30. Stations of the Cross follow at 18h30. You may park in the School grounds in the evening.

Prayer for the general election on 8 May

Almighty Father,
 as we approach the elections,
 grant us the wisdom and courage
 we need in order to make the right choices.
 Help us to carry out our duties as responsible
 citizens with respect for the rights of others.
 By voting in a spirit of humility and service,
 may we bring hope to the poor, unity
 to all our people and a more secure and
 peaceful future for our children.
 Father, do not allow us to become discouraged,
 Inspire us to contribute to the rebuilding of our
 country with vigour and generosity.